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The Rev Peter Hart

## Ex-Saddler defends clerics' cricket cup

BISHOPS and vicars from the Black Country and Staffordshire set out today (Thursday) to become the first team to retain the Church Times Cricket Cup since 1991.

The clergy from the Diocese of Lichfield include former Walsall FC skipper the Rev Peter Hart, of Cannock.

Lichfield diocese takes on Guildford at the Walker Cricket Ground – a Middlesex ground in Southgate, north London.

The Lichfield team also includes the Bishop of Wolverhampton, the Rt Rev Clive Gregory, and is captained by the Methodist Superintendent Minister of

Stafford and Chaplain to HMP Stafford, the Rev Jeff Reynolds.

The Church Times Cricket Cup is sponsored by one of the two independently owned newspapers providing weekly coverage of Anglican affairs in England.

### Partnership

The competition is now in its 61st year, making it the oldest one-day knock-out cricket competition in the world.

For most of that time, Lichfield diocese has not made a good showing, but in 2009 were semi-finalists and in 2010 they made it to their first final, which they won.

This year, Lichfield have triumphed all their group matches, and 54-year-old Mr Hart, vicar of St Luke's Cannock, and Dr Gregory shared in a partnership of 200 to beat Coventry.

Lichfield beat Chester in the quarter-finals before going on to triumph over Salisbury in the semi-final at Reading. The Bishop of Shrewsbury, the Rt Rev Mark Rylands, was Lichfield's top scorer with 67, and Salisbury were all out for 70.

Yorkshire-born Mr Hart played 600 Football League games as a defender for Huddersfield Town and then Walsall between 1974 and 1990.

# FIRM MUST PAY £12k FOR DUST AT CEMETERY

**New bus station just the ticket**



Councillors Angus Adams, Tom Ansell and Gary Clarke are joined by Angie Boulton, the bus station's manager, to put the finishing touches to the new station. BUS users in Walsall have been checking out the revamped Bradford Place bus interchange after its £430,000 revamp. New shelters have been put in place and roads improved around the interchange, as part of a five week scheme. The wraps came off the improved

station at the weekend in time for pupils to head back to school after the summer break. It had been closed since July 24 and temporary stops were put in nearby streets. Around £160,000 has been spent on modern glass shelters.

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**A** WALSALL waste company accused of covering headstones at a neighbouring cemetery with dust has been ordered to pay more than £13,000. More than a dozen relatives visiting graves at James Bridge Cemetery, Darlaston, said they had to wash down headstones covered in grime which came from AB Waste Management.

Company director Andrew Bayliss admitted six counts of failing to comply with the requirements of an environmental permit at Walsall Magistrates Court.

Mr Dominic Patouchas, prosecuting on behalf of the council, said operations at the site, known as AB Skip Hire, involved rubble being delivered and crushed before being taken away. He said the problems were caused by mud from lorries falling on the carriageway and becoming airborne.

### Weather

The court heard how a wheel wash designed to tackle the problem was not working when an environmental officer visited the premises in Cemetery Road in December 2010 and January and March of this year.

Miss Jennifer Joseph, mitigating, said the wheel wash had broken down due to freezing weather. She added: "Mr Bayliss is doing everything he can to ensure everything he can to ensure further breaches do not happen."

The firm was fined £12,000 and must pay £1,024 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

## Dance classes off as floor fails

**A** COLLAPSED ceiling at a Walsall leisure centre has forced the council to cancel dance classes until further notice. The authority was still assessing the damage this week.

A section of ceiling at the dance studio at Walsall Gala Baths collapsed last Saturday afternoon. No one was in the studio at the time.

Early indications were that the damage at the Tower Street centre was not structural, but the fitness suite above the dance studio has also been closed as a precaution.

Peter Jeffery, operations manager for sports and leisure, said: "It's a real shame, but the most important thing is that no-one was injured or harmed. "The studio and its classes will remain closed for investigation."



Mia Middlebrook, aged four, of Walsall, says hello to Silly Sam

## Here's looking at you, kid

**VISITORS** flocked to Walsall Leather Museum for the annual summer bank holiday fun day.

Performers, street dancers and artists were all on hand at the Littleton Street West venue to help keep youngsters amused including stilt walker Silly Sam.

### Entertained

Grey and drizzly weather meant this year's activities were held inside, but organisers said it failed to dampen the spirits.

Francesca Cox, curator, said: "It's

been really, really busy despite the weather.

"Normally we hold this outside, but the weather has not been as good this year so we have moved inside and still had as many people."

One of the most popular attractions saw artistic youngsters make cardboard guitars which were hooked up to a sound system, allowing them to have the rock star experience.

Stilt walker Silly Sam, also known as Sam Davey, was also on hand to help keep the crowds entertained.

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Airborne terror came first to Walsall in 1916 from a German Zeppelin – more than 530ft long and dropping 4,900lb of high explosive

# Town Pc tackled Zeppelin bomb to save patients

ON JANUARY 31, 1916, a Walsall policeman tackled an incendiary dropped by a giant German airship and saved the lives of scores of patients and nurses in the town's hospital at The Mount. Pc Joseph Burrell's sight was irretrievably damaged during his act of gallantry, he had to leave the force eventually, and he struggled ever to find work thereafter.

Thirty-four people were killed that misty night in Tipton, Wednesbury and Walsall after Captain Max Dietrich on Zeppelin L21 decided he must have reached his designated Merseyside target and began dropping his payload of bombs. Among the dead were a courting couple on board a tram in Bradford Place where the Cenotaph now stands.

The three towns were hit by 35 bombs and 25 incendiaries, making a total of 4,900lb of explosive. Seventy years later the Walsall Chronicle quoted a survivor, Mr A K Stephens, who was injured. He remembered "pandemonium, but no panic. Someone shouted, 'Hey, look he's been hurt!' I'd lost a lot of blood and could hardly walk and a couple of men took me home."

The hospital at The Mount could have been destroyed. That it was not was thanks to the bravery of Constable Burrell.

His grandson, Alan Hall of Walsall, has an account of his deeds that night from The Police Review and Parade Gossip, 1929.

In connection with these hitherto unpublished accounts, the Police Review had con-

tacted the now Sergeant Burrell, "who had performed an act of great bravery during the Zeppelin raid on Walsall in 1916". The writer explained that "up to that time no mention had been made of the raid in the public Press, and that it was quite by chance that we became aware of Sgt Burrell".

## Extinguish

With the Great War ended so recently "Sgt Burrell was refused permission to give the Press any account of the circumstances, which prompted the committee of the hospital to present him with a silver medal".

After retirement, Burrell recounted to the Police Review that as he was patrolling his beat in the town centre he heard 11 explo-

sions. After an interval of about a minute there were seven more, this time very close to Walsall.

He heard a "peculiar noise in the air", and looked up to see a Zeppelin passing overhead, dropping bombs constantly. Two bombs fell on a church adjoining the hospital, wrecking it, and another fell between the men's and women's wards.

Burrell found himself covered with dirt and plaster. Fortunately, he had his cape folded over his left shoulder and this saved him from serious injury "for as he lifted his cape he was struck on that side of his neck and spun round, his neck being bruised".

When he had recovered himself it seemed that the hospital was in flames. Burrell ran to the entrance and found the nurses excited and unable to move. He sought to calm them by saying the noise was from "a new engine at the gas works" and rushed along through the women's ward, where an incendiary bomb was blazing between the wards.

Being unable to get anything to throw on it, the constable seized a piece of wood and got down on his hands and knees, the heat from the bomb being so fierce. He rolled it over and over for five feet or so, and found as he rolled it that the contents fell away. He then dashed the contents about and was able to extinguish the blaze.

His job done, the officer left the bomb to cool and went through the wards soothing the patients.

To mark his gallantry the hospital committee sent Burrell a gratuity of a guinea – £1 1s. Such was the measure of this most courageous and caring of men that he returned it as a subscription. The Walsall Watch committee also awarded him a guinea.

Later, the hospital presented him with an inscribed medal, which he was unable to wear during the war but which he always regarded as a great treasure.

Unhappily, Sgt Burrell's valour was all but forgotten in a land supposedly fit for heroes. He went blind in 1924 as a result of the injuries he received from the Zeppelin incendiary and had to leave the police.

In the ensuing years he strove for work without success, but taught himself to read and write in Braille.



Sgt Joseph Burrell in his police uniform



Above, the Walsall Cenotaph stands where a Zeppelin's bomb landed in 1916 and, left, the medal awarded to Sgt Joseph Burrell by Walsall & District Hospital for his gallantry



## Anti-yobs fencing stolen in woodland

METAL thieves have struck at a Walsall beauty spot, stealing parts of a steel fence put up to tackle anti-social behaviour.

Railings costing £13,000 were put up around Moorcroft Wood Local Nature Reserve, Moxley, to protect the area from youths on scrambler bikes, but the site, off Hawkswood Drive, has now been targeted by thieves.

Four sections of fencing were taken in all worth a total of £500.

Darlaston South ward's Councillor Paul Bott said: "The fence was put in to protect wildlife in the woods from anti-social behaviour and yobs and to create a boundary for the wildlife."

"We don't want this to become an on-going process where the fence is repaired then sections are stolen again. The friends group for the site has worked hard to get Section 106 money from other schemes to fund this."

## Budget

Walsall's leisure chief, Councillor Anthony Harris, said: "This is a crying shame. The fence at Moorcroft Wood cost us £13,000 and helped keep scrambler bike riders out of the park."

"Stealing four panels took a lot of time and effort and some professional cutting equipment, as it was made deliberately thicker and harder to cut to try and stop just such an incident."

At the moment we are scratching our head to try and find a budget."

Councillor Harris urged anyone with information about the theft to call West Midlands Police on 0345 113 5000.

Moorcroft Wood has been earmarked to become the home of a £2 million visitor centre.

The new building will become the headquarters of the Wildlife Trust in the area.

## Father accused of threat to kill

A MAN from Walsall has appeared in court after being charged with threatening to kill his partner and 18-year-old son.

Daron Hewson, of Collingwood Drive, Pheasey, faces charges over Lesley and Jake Jennings.

The 38-year-old also faces charges of wounding Lesley Jennings and assaulting Jake Jennings.

He appeared at Walsall Magistrates Court via video link last Friday. The case was committed to crown court and Hewson was remanded in custody.

## Rotary sale day

GOOD causes in Darlaston are in line for a boost with a fundraising sale. The Rotary Club of Darlaston is due to hold the charity sale on September 10. The venue will be St Lawrence's Church, Church Street, from 9.30am to 1pm.



This newspaper photo captain said simply 'buildings in Walsall. Much destruction done'

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## Fat burners warming to new course

TOWNSFOLK who have vowed to fight the flab in Walsall can sign up to a slimming programme for 12 weeks from the end of this month.

Evolve runs at Oak Park leisure centre, in Walsall Wood, and in Bloxwich.

The aim is to encourage people to make small but realistic changes to their lifestyle such as increasing their levels of physical activity and altering their diet.

### Funding

The weight loss programme is run through Walsall Council's sport and leisure development services team.

The course costs £40 or £3.50 per session. Men with a Body Mass Index above 30 can attend for free thanks to funding from NHS Walsall.

For more information call 01902 605500.

## Injured hols man back in Britain

A MAN from Bentley who was seriously injured when he was knocked off a quad bike while on holiday in Cyprus has been brought back to Walsall Manor Hospital.

Kieron Kellar, aged 22, was knocked from his quad bike on July 29 in Ayia Napa. Greek police are investigating the incident amid reports that it was a hit-and-run involving a van.

His insurers are refusing to pay medical fees, claiming his policy did not cover the use of quad bikes. Fundraising organised by family and friends has raised £7,000 so far.

Fundraiser Natalie Stanley said everyone was delighted about Kieron's return to Britain.

## Gates to halt mini-motos

GATES have been installed at a problem alleyway in Walsall where residents have been plagued by noise and nuisance from mini-motos.

New barriers and bollards have now been erected in Sproat Avenue, Darlaston.

Residents complained the gap in the bollards already there was so wide, mini-motos and go-karts could still pass through and were useless.

## Arrest man spat at officer

A WALSALL man who stole to feed his drug and alcohol habits has been given a 20-week sentence for spitting at a policeman. Aubrey Blick, of Walsall Road, Darlaston, was handed the jail term for assaulting a police constable and no separate penalty for the attempted theft of a £225 pedal bike.

Blick, aged 29, was told by Sandwell magistrates that he would spend 12 weeks in custody after spending seven days on remand already as well as having an electronic ankle tag for seven weeks.

Mr Peter Love, prosecuting, said Blick was arrested after returning to the scene of the attempted bike theft on June 29 this year in Warley Road, Oldbury, and being identified by the victim, David Hipkiss.

"He was shouting in the custody block and was told to calm down and he spat in the eyes and face of the officer."

Mr Andrew Chowdhury, defending, said Blick was lodging a complaint for unnecessary use of force by police officers.



Councillor Ian Shires

## Buses protest goes online

A WALSALL councillor has used a new website, FixMyTransport.com, to voice people's opposition to the new 41 bus route.

Willenhall North's Councillor Ian Shires, says that he has had complaints from people living in Ashmore Lake Road, Lucknow Road, Coppice Lane and Cannock Road. Since the replacement of the 341 bus, residents have restricted access to their GP, employment in

Green Lane, Walsall, the Reedswood Shopping Centre, and direct routes into central Walsall, he added.

Councillor Shires has created a page on FixMyTransport.com in order to gain support for his campaign.

Anyone affected by the change in bus routes is invited to add their name to the issue, which has been sent to National Express West Midlands, which responds on the site.

# Travel agent warned of jail for £82k theft



Sally Lane - guilty plea

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A TRUSTED manager at a travel agency illegally pocketed more than £82,000 after taking home money she was supposed to bank from the currency exchange, a court has been told.

Sally Lane, of Pelsall, was responsible for banking cash from Bowen Travel Group's currency exchange. But the 39-year-old instead pocketed the money exchanged for foreign currency by holiday-makers at the company's branch in Aldridge.

She has now been warned she faces a custodial sentence for taking the money over a period of more than two years when she is sentenced on September 21.

Lane, of Fordbrook Lane, Pelsall, admitted theft. Wolverhampton Crown Court heard that she pocketed £82,700 between October 2008 and January this year.

Crown Prosecution Service spokesman Patrick Noonan told the court: "She was a manager at a travel agents for the Bowen Travel Group."

"One of her responsibilities was banking the cash from the currency exchange which the travel agents operated."

### Years

"Over a period of years she simply took the cash instead of banking it."

Lane, who worked at Bowen's in Croft Parade, Aldridge, appeared before Judge Martin Walsh court last Wednesday. She spoke only to confirm her name and to plead guilty to a charge of theft.

The case was adjourned for a report to be prepared, and Lane was bailed.

Judge Walsh told her: "You understand custody is a favourable option to the court."

## Move travellers out, residents demand

TRAVELLERS have set up camp on land in Goscoe for the second time in weeks - prompting council bosses to serve an eviction notice to move off.

A convoy of nine caravans settled on fields between Goscoe Lane and Shakespeare Crescent.

Five caravans set up camp off Goscoe Lodge Crescent in July.

Walsall Council officers were visiting the site to serve an enforcement notice after calls from residents, and will go to court if they do not move.

Councillor Ann Young said she had been "inundated" with calls from families demanding that the group be removed.

## Susan wins judges' hearts



Susan Loone, left, of Hearts and Flowers, celebrates winning best dressed shop window with Nikki Rolls, of the district centre management team

CELEBRATIONS are in full bloom at a florists in Bloxwich after it bagged an award for having the best dressed shop window display in the town.

Shopkeepers in Bloxwich town centre have been showcasing their creative skills as part of a competition run by Bloxwich Business Partnership and Walsall Council's district centre management team.

Hearts and Flowers, in High Street, scooped first prize for its Brazilian carnival theme, which includes a giant feather eye mask and tropical flowers.

## Gas boiler fitter must pay £5,900

A GAS engineer from Willenhall who installed a gas boiler at a house despite not being registered to do so has been ordered to pay almost £6,000 at court.

Leslie Morgan, aged 64, of Cedar Road, installed the boiler at a Cannock house and issued a gas safety certificate despite not being on the compulsory Gas Safe Register.

He admitted a breach of health and safety relating to gas installation. Stafford magistrates were told that Morgan's original gas safety training and registration permitted him only to work for a previous company, and had expired in 2006.

### Inspector

The Health and Safety Executive wrote to him in 2008 informing to stop work or become properly trained and registered, after he was found to have carried out unregistered work in 2007.

Cannock Chase District Council raised concerns about a gas safety certificate issued by Morgan to the landlord. A further investigation found the certificate was issued illegally.

Morgan was fined £4,000 and ordered to pay £1,900 costs last Wednesday.

HSE inspector Wayne Owen said afterwards: "Any business or sole trader who carries out any work on any gas appliances without being on the Gas Safe Register is breaking the law."

## Drink-driver had no lights at 3am

A WALSALL man spotted by police driving without lights after 3am subsequently failed a breath test.

Ashley Smith, of Weston Crescent, Aldridge, admitted drink-driving when he appeared before Walsall magistrates last week. The 21-year-old also pleaded guilty to driving without insurance or valid driving licence.

Paul Hitchcock, prosecuting, said Smith was seen by a police officer in Westbrook Avenue, Aldridge, in the early hours of August 13, driving, without lights.

Smith was found to have an alcohol reading of 61mg in his breath - 26mg above the limit. He was banned for 18 months and told to pay a £200 fine, £85 costs and £15 victim surcharge.

## Sunday sale time

AN INDOOR car boot sale at Bloxwich's Stan Ball Centre takes place on Sunday, September 11, from 11am to 4pm. Tables cost £10 or £5 for charities or community groups. Admission to the Abbots Street centre is free, and there is a children's play corner and a cafe. Call 01922 403351 to book.

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Drawers hang open after workers moved out



Badges, envelopes and sewing needles found in the former factory

# Final sights of leather works before inferno

**L**EATHER strewn over the workstations and boxes of heavy-duty sewing machine needles dotted about – these photographs show how Walsall's Jabez Cliff & Co was frozen in time before it burned down last month. The pictures provide a rare look at the interior of the historic former leather works after its staff upped and left for a new site in Aldridge in 2009.

They were taken by an amateur photographer at the derelict building in April last year. Jabez Cliff & Co is one of the most famous names in Walsall's industrial heritage.

The company had operated from the plant in Lower Forster Street since 1876 before moving out two years ago. The old building near Walsall's ring road was gutted by fire on Monday, August 15. Parts of the building, including its pointed roof, have already been demolished on safety grounds and the rest is soon to follow.

The photographer, who didn't wish to be named, said she had always admired the landmark structure.

"I've always been interested in architecture and have always loved the Jabez Cliff building.

"I remember gazing up at it when I was little and my parents took me to Morrisons."

"It was a fantastic building. I was absolutely distraught when I heard

about the fire. It really brought me to tears – that building was such an important part of Walsall and meant a great deal to me."

The cause of the blaze that destroyed the building may never be known says West Midlands Fire Service.

## Distraught

The building is too unsafe for fire-fighters or investigation dogs to enter to find the cause, but police said the blaze had not been caused by arson.

Town centre traffic was halted as more than 60 firefighters tackled the

flames at the site, which is earmarked to become a £3 million health centre.

Cliff Kirby-Tibbitts, a retired director of Jabez Cliff, said he was devastated.

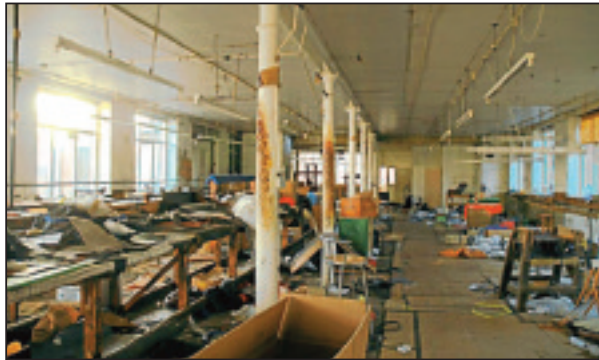
"This is a sad loss for the town. That building has stood there since 1876."

Mr Kirby-Tibbitts, aged 64, gives talks on Jabez Cliff and says there are believed to be more than a dozen ghosts haunting the old factory.

Mike Glasson, curator of Walsall Leather Museum, said the former factory was the most important landmark of the saddlery industry when Walsall led the world in leather goods.

"It was a lovely building, with wooden floors, high ceilings and really good quality lighting for the work benches because it was all hand work."

It has always been occupied by saddle makers, which made huge profits making saddles for the military during the Boer War between 1899 and 1902.



Leather-strewn work stations on the factory floor at Jabez Cliff &amp; Co before the fire



Above, light streams into a workroom – essential for detailed handwork on leather – and Jabez Cliff & Co nameplates are on walls and beams; left, moulds for saddles were still hanging from a ceiling in April, two years after the firm moved out

## Relief as new quarry road plan is submitted

PLANS for a new access road to stop lorries thundering past homes in an Aldridge neighbourhood have been submitted following a 30-year battle. Families in Branton Hill Lane and Little Aston Road had complained for decades about the noise of lorries travelling past their homes to a nearby quarry. They claimed the vehicles were rumbling past their homes up to 200 times a day. But plans to end the problem for good by creating a new access road were delayed by the secretary of state.

Residents were delighted when the scheme, submitted by Bliss Sand & Gravel Ltd, was given outline planning permission in 2009 after a planning inquiry.

Now an application has been submitted to Walsall Council for a new access road to the quarry, off Chester Road. Councillor Tom Ansell welcomed the news and said it was a step in the right direction for the long-suffering homeowners. "It's been going on for more than 25 years. Residents have been fighting for a new entrance to this particular quarry," he said.

## Grateful

"We're grateful that the Bliss organisation has now submitted those plans and hopefully can look forward to bringing some relief to the people of Branton Hill Lane."

Planning chiefs are set to consider the application over the coming weeks.

There had initially been fears a new access road would eat into green belt land but a planning inspector ruled outline permission should be granted because of the "significant benefit" it would bring to residents.

A report submitted to Walsall Council on behalf of Bliss Sand & Gravel Ltd says: "The proposal provides an opportunity to create a new vehicle access to connect the site directly to the primary road network, A452 Chester Road. Current HGV traffic using Branton Hill Lane can then be relocated to the proposed A452 access."

The planning application also seeks to relocate existing operations to a former quarried area on site.

Nobody from the company was available for comment.

## Family flees blaze started by drier

FIRE crews battled a tumble drier blaze at a house in Walsall Wood.

Firefighters from Aldridge, Walsall and Bloxwich were called to Druids Walk at 11pm last Tuesday, August 30.

The occupants of the house, two adults and two children, evacuated the two bedroom property before crews arrived. The blaze destroyed the tumble drier and damaged an upstairs landing.

Firefighter Neil Goodwin said: "It was quite a large fire. It damaged about 10 to 15 per cent of the house."

## Table-top sale at church

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# Airport switch for rugby club

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WALSALL Rugby Club is drawing up plans to move to Aldridge Airport along with proposals for housing and car parking on its existing site.

The club wants to move to Bosty Lane, Aldridge, from Delves Road, Walsall, and has chosen Mar City as the developer.

A planning application is set to include four grass pitches, an all-weather pitch, training area, spectator stand and clubhouse.

Redevelopment at Delves Road would include additional car parking for the Walsall campus of Wolverhampton University, an access road and housing.

## Upgrade

Club president Chris Emes said: "This will give an additional boost to the Walsall borough in that it will offer top facilities for aspiring young players."

Facilities would be available to hire for other sports such as hockey and football. Mr Emes said the club had issues at Delves Road.

"These include lack of sufficient area and the large investments that need to be made there to upgrade buildings, changing rooms and function rooms to ensure financial survival and meet RFU standards."

## Phone theft advice

POLICE in Aldridge are advising schoolchildren how to keep phones, iPods and other items safe from theft.

## Cuts boost charity



David James and customer Linda Morris, 43, of Walsall

A WALSALL hairdresser took his skills on the road in aid of charity.

David James, aged 27, who has a salon in Lichfield Road, Walsall Wood, visited Asda, Great Bridge, to give shoppers extreme hair makeovers. He collected donations for the store's Tickled Pink campaign, while making over customers in his Extreme Hair Makeover lorry.

He said: "It went fantastically. I want to show women that looking good isn't all about what Gok Wan says."

"You can put on an outfit and feel good, but if your hair's not looking good, it puts the overall look on a downer."

# Council in moves to block off travellers

A PERMANENT solution is being sought in a bid to stop travellers setting up camp in Pelsall.

Ways to block access on to the site off Walsall Road are being considered after families managed to remove a 3ft concrete barrier. Walsall Council has been in talks with the private landowner over ways to tackle the problem after 11 caravans set up camp last month.

A skip was put on standby to be used to seal off the site as a temporary measure while discussions go on about how best to stop future convoys moving in.

## Permanent

A more solid concrete structure is among the steps being considered with the aim of getting it in place as quickly as possible to ease the worries of villagers.

Pelsall ward's Councillor Marco Longhi said: "We are working as hard as we can towards a permanent solution."

"We will be looking for something to temporary block off and then proper concrete obstacles."

# History fair at museum

A HISTORY fair will be held in Walsall next week.

The event at Walsall Museum, in Lichfield Street, will run from 10.30am to 3.30pm on Saturday, September 17.

Exhibits by local history societies, Walsall Local History Centre and Walsall Museums will be on show.

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# Car boot sale axed in new blow to town

## Top awards for dancers



Caitlin Carter, top, and Neave Russon at Dance City

TWO young dancers are celebrating two awards after pirouetting their way ahead of the competition.

Neave Russon and Caitlin Carter both study at Dance City in Walsall Wood Road, Aldridge, are already causing ripples on the dancefloor.

Neave, aged seven, was awarded high marks in all categories at The Terry Dance Festival in Birmingham last month, showing off her skills in a range of genres. She was awarded

the "most promising personality" award by judges. Meanwhile, Caitlin, 10, received a scholarship nomination from the International Dance Teachers Association, which means she will be heading to Manchester in February to compete against other students across the country to win funding for professional training.

Dance City principal teacher Tracey Dicken said: "We're all very proud of them."

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PLANS to set up a monthly car boot sale on the former Brownhills Market site have been scrapped, leading to fears it is a "nail in the coffin" for the town.

Walsall Council chiefs have cited "strict controls" as the reason for plans to revive the empty market pitch being axed.

It was hoped a car boot sale would draw people to Brownhills, and an independent operator expressed an interest.

The Thursday and Saturday market on the Silver Street site ended this summer, six months after its relaunch.

Doreen Gent, manager of the Acropolis coffee house next to the market site, said the decision not to allow a car boot sale was a blow to the area.

She said parts of Brownhills were like a "ghost town" with traders struggling to survive.

### Loss

"The car boot sale gave us fresh hope as it would have helped bring shoppers into the town. It would not have interfered with other shops. We have already had the loss of the market and now it feels like the nail in the coffin."

But council leader Mike Bird said: "We had one expression of interest from a commercial operator but it has not been possible to pursue it as the council has strict controls of car boot sales allowing them only in certain circumstances."

LSD Promotions ended the market in June after blaming a lack of traders and customers. In the long-term a new square is being created as part of the neighbouring Tesco revamp.

This could host specialist markets but will not be complete until 2013. There had been hopes a monthly car boot sale would encourage shoppers into Brownhills.

## Glyn on track with new book

A MARATHON athlete from Willenhall is gearing up to write his second book – just weeks after publishing his first.

Glyn Marston is following his debut autobiography Thud, Sweat and Tears with the tale of what he got up to after a knee injury ended his running career.

A 1,600 mile bike ride across Europe for charity will be recalled.

Mr Marston, aged 48, of New Invention, said: "It promises to be a great read."

## Theatre group seeks actors

A THEATRE school in Walsall is looking for children and adults to join its group.

Spit Spot Theatre Academy runs classes for children from five, and adults, on Wednesdays at Daw End Methodist church hall, Rushall.

The new term begins on September 14 and anyone interested should email info@spitspottheatre.co.uk or call Jennifer Smith on 01922 640258.

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## Solution is possible for stallholder

I WONDER what the full story is behind Walsall Council's decision to bar the trader featured in the Chronicle on August 25.

The picture would seem to suggest that there is no obstruction to visibility to the Body Shop, and they say that they have no issue.

To bar a trader after 47 years, particularly in the light of the above, does seem a bit harsh.

Curious decisions are often made, but I would have thought that Walsall Council, with declining occupancies in the market, could have come up with a compromise.

As a last resort, why not offer Mr Sumner a site away from the occupied shops which is not likely to cause the sort of problems about which they seem so concerned?

There is more to this than meets the eye

Terry Lougher  
Beechdale  
Walsall

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A pavement obstructed in Walsall after the dustbins have been emptied.

Picture by reader Arjun Chand

## Thoughtless binmen blocking our pavements after collection rounds

WHEN residents bring out refuse bins to be emptied by Walsall Council, they ensure they bins don't cause obstruction for pedestrians.

Why is it when refuse collectors empty the bins into their truck, they just leave them in the middle of the public footpath in the Caldmore, Palfrey and Alumwell areas of Walsall?

Residents have come to our Caldmore Residents' and New Caldmore NW meetings to complain about this

problem and say that they are fed up.

The dustmen need to put the bins back where the residents had put the bins in the first place - close to their houses and bungalows and not in the middle of footpaths.

As some residents go to work, they leave the bins out in the early morning and may not come home until 5-6pm. So some bins can be there most of the day until evening.

This causes problems as when the bins are left in the middle of the foot-

paths, wheelchair, mobility scooter users, parents with prams and the blind will have to go in the road to pass by the bins.

In Caldmore, it is a problem in Bath Road, Brace Street, Hart Street, White Street and Mount Road. It is not all refuse collectors, just some. Walsall Council, can you ensure that bins don't cause an obstruction?

Arjun Chand  
Alumwell

## LETTERS

## Nothing so glorious about a massacre of our wildlife

THE Wildlife and Countryside Act is now in its 30th year. Despite its admirable intentions, poisoning, trapping and shooting of birds of prey continue to occur with depressing regularity.

The number of prosecutions is not keeping pace with these incidents because they are a problem to detect and prosecutions are themselves notoriously difficult to obtain.

Animal Aid has written to Defra minister Jim Paice urging him to follow the Scottish government's lead of introducing a Criminal Vicarious Liability law. This makes landowners, employers and

all who commission or allow the persecution of wildlife, accountable under the Act.

The Animal Aid letter to Mr Paice was sent as the so-called Glorious Twelfth marked the start of the grouse shooting season.

It served to emphasise the link between the deliberate illegal persecution of birds of prey and what many of us regard as a morally repugnant grouse shooting industry.

Andrew Tyler  
Director  
Animal Aid  
Tonbridge

## Children's park loses a disgrace

I VISITED the lido and skate park at Walsall Arboretum with my grandson.

Alady asked where a toilet was as they were all locked and she was desperate.

I pointed to the children's toilets and when she came back she said how dirty they were. I wondered if the councillors have ever been?

R Webster  
Walsall

## Horse riders show lack of respect too

IN THE past, the horse riding lobby has been very vociferous about the lack of courtesy and consideration given to them by other road users. Despite their claims, this is not one-sided.

Many is the time when I and other road users have slowed down and passed wide round them without a single acknowledgement, a thankyou, or even a smile.

The latest example of their lack of consideration for others was obvious in our road recently where there is horse manure on our pavement at both ends of our road. This is despite the fact that riding on the pavement is illegal.

Consideration and respect is a two-way process; if you can't give it, don't expect to receive it.

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# Walsall offers Brum site for new market

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BIRMINGHAM Wholesale Market has been offered a home – an enterprise zone being created in Darlaston.

Walsall Council bosses say they are ready for talks with the city about relocation to the IMI James Bridge site. The future of the massive wholesale market, which is used by hundreds of traders across the Midlands, has been thrown into doubt since a planned move to Witton was deemed too costly by Birmingham City Council.

Council chiefs in Walsall are now ready to step in following fears that some stallholders would have to travel as far as Manchester for fresh produce.

## Expensive

Council leader Mike Bird said being close to the M6 would make the Darlaston enterprise zone a viable option. "I don't think there is a better site," he said.

"We are happy to open dialogue between officers and if they have got another site identified this is an alternative we could offer."

"It is not many miles away and we have got a site we believe is ideally suited."

There are 94 businesses at the city market and 1,100 people work there, plus many seasonal and casual staff.

The city council is seeking a private sector organisation to locate and develop a new home by 2013. Officers say staying at the current site of more than 35 years is "not an option" as it is no longer fit for purpose and requires expensive work to stay safe.

## Orders to tidy up mess

ORDERS to clean up eyesore sites in Walsall have been issued by council chiefs six times in the last 12 months. Amenity notices were served on landowners to force them to tidy up overgrown and graffiti ridden areas.



Allotment holders Sohan Singh, Lisa Akins and Graham Parker have vowed to beat the thieves

## Thieves target growers

ALLOTMENT holders in Walsall have launched a fundraising drive to improve security measures, after thieves plundered sheds and an on-site shop.

Gardeners at Borneo Street allotments, The Butts, have been forced to replace their wooden shop with a secure metal structure after thieves stole its entire contents.

It comes after thieves broke into Slater's Lane allotments, in Pleck, and stripped fruits from the trees.

## Replace

Defiant plot owners at the Borneo Street site are now on the fundraising trail to boost security and replace stolen tools. On Saturday, the group held a Summer Fundraiser at Rushall Labour Club.

Allotment committee treasurer Lisa Akins said: "We've had people getting on to the site, stealing produce, breaking into peoples' sheds and stealing."

Allotment holders need cash to boost security with CCTV and other measures.

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## Ron, 86, still working hard

THE oldest leather worker in Walsall has celebrated his 86th birthday and says he has no plans to retire.

Ron Hawkins has spent more than seven decades in the leather trade and now works as a tour guide at Walsall Leather Museum, in Littleton Street West.

Widowed father-of-two Mr Hawkins, of St Thomas Close, said he has no plans to quit, being in "perfect" health.

He said: "I've been in the leather trade for 72 years, I wouldn't know what to do with myself if I retired, and I'll be here until I can't do it any more."

### Married

Mr Hawkins joined leather production company Holdens in 1939, aged just 14.

He spent five years in the RAF during the Second World War, married his wife, Muriel, then returned to work at Holdens.

The company moved to Scotland in the 1950s, but Mr Hawkins wanted to stay in Walsall and went to work for J.E. Sedgewick Co, in Alumwell, until the leather museum opened in 1988.



Ron Hawkins, 86, with the skin from an anaconda snake which was given to the museum after it had been confiscated at Heathrow Airport

## Traders in limbo on parking fees

TRADERS say they are being left in limbo over proposals to ease parking fees in a Walsall town centre street.

Ablewell Street is one of 17 roads in the town where pay-and-display meters were introduced in March.

Businesses have complained that the changes are driving passing trade away, and an idea there could be a 30-minute amnesty from the charges is now in doubt.

Shamim Khan, who runs newsagent News & Booze in

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Ablewell Street said traders in the road felt "in limbo" over the plans. He said: "We don't know what's happening at all now. Business is hard as it is, we don't need something like this driving people away or hanging over us."

Walsall Council is expecting to raise £100,000 from the pay-and-display machines throughout 2011/12. It is believed 10 per cent of this income will be generated from Ablewell Street alone.

A petition asking for 30 minutes of free parking was brought before council bosses in June, but a report in July dashed the hopes of traders who wanted a half-hour reprieve.

Leader of the council Mike Bird said: "Our initial inquiries show that people are using the machines for short stay. The traders are saying they are losing business, we are saying they are not."

He added that a full report would go before the cabinet in September.

## New appeal for Gift Aid

PEOPLE donating goods to St Giles Walsall Hospice shops can give the charity an extra boost by signing up for Gift Aid.

Anyone who completes a Gift Aid form when they drop off items at a St Giles Walsall Hospice Shop will help the charity to claim an extra 25p from the Treasury for every £1 it receives through the sale of these goods.

Lynwen Truesdale, head of retail for St Giles Hospice, said: "Gift Aid is an incredibly quick and simple way for people to help us increase our income for the benefit of local people in need at no cost whatsoever to themselves."

Walsall Hospice Shops are now known as St Giles Walsall Hospice Shops following the merger of the charity with St Giles Hospice.

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# Derelict site to be converted into retail units

A MINI-RETAIL complex is to be created in place of an empty building in Aldridge in a bid to draw shoppers to the town. The derelict property in High Street is to be converted into up four smaller units to attract businesses.

The 4,079 sqft building had previously been used for retail purposes and as an art gallery. Moves to revive the site, near to

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Bakers Lane, were lodged with Walsall Council planners by Group 3 Technology Ltd and have now been passed by officers.

The unit space will now be split to create more contemporary and smaller hubs.

Head of planning David Elsworth said: "The Black Country Centres study of 2009 states there is a need for larger retail units."

## Firm shows its metal



Rob Payton, contracts manager of Jessup Build Develop, and Lawrence Stainsby, contracts director of Traditional Structures, at Waterfront South, Walsall

STEEL construction company Traditional Structures is completing structural work for the second phase of developer Jessup's Waterfront South, a £65 million canal-side regeneration project at Walsall.

The Cheslyn Hay firm is benefiting from Jessup's

policy which shows support for local contractors and suppliers.

Phil Hadley, managing director of Traditional Structures, said: "It has been particularly satisfying working with a developer who believes in supporting local companies and skills."

## Vodka row with pal led to assault

A WALSALL woman attacked a friend over a "misunderstanding", a court heard. Mary Taylor, aged 27, lashed out at neighbour Zoe May, to whom she is related by marriage.

Mr Jason Corden-Bowen, prosecuting, said the argument was "somewhat convoluted", and began over a bottle of vodka at the victim's address.

Taylor left with her family, and then returned after realising a young family member had been left behind.

### Punched

"They are initially chatting amicably, and the allegation is that Taylor then assaults the injured party."

"She falls backwards and as she falls she grabs hold of the defendant's hair, and they fall to the floor."

Taylor, of Poplar Close, Bentley, then punched Ms May in the head. She admitted common assault at Walsall Magistrates Court. District Judge Michael Morris ordered her to pay a £120 fine, £150 compensation to Zoe May, £85 costs and a £15 surcharge.

### Merit

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## Unloved 60s relic Overstrand goes

THE blot on Walsall's landscape that was the Overstrand has been banished to oblivion.

The structure was pulled down to leave an unobstructed view of St Matthew's Church from High Street.

Shoppers and passers by gathered last week to watch the final moments of the former restaurant and music venue as a three-week programme of works culminated in the redundant building disappearing.

About 60 tons of concrete was pulled apart while more than 500 litres of water was hosed in by workmen to control the rising dust.

Bernard Bird, aged 71, of Deepmore Avenue, Birchills, watched as the

structure came down. He said: "I'm pleased to see it go. I always thought it was an eyesore."

Chris Clifford, 36, and his wife, Kelly, 31, of Weston Street, Galsworthy, watched the demolition.

He said: "It will look better because you can see the church." His wife added: "It has always looked a mess."

### Creation

The site was prepared by Wates Construction and pulled down by demolition specialists Coleman & Company. All of the materials will be recycled.

The Overstrand, which was boarded up 15 years ago, will make way for the £21 million development of the Old Square centre, including a new Primark.



The Overstrand's 60 tons of concrete is demolished

## Care home for old power site

A FORMER substation site will be transformed into a 28-bed care complex under plans sent to Walsall Council.

Developer Gelder & Kitchen aims to demolish the existing building in Lichfield Road Bloxwich, and construct single and two-storey buildings.

The complex is designed to promote rehabilitation with self-contained and independent accommodation, and is aimed to be an "exemplar development" for

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people with certain health problems who need residential care.

Units of accommodation would be clustered around a core care unit containing a "bistro" dining area, a communal lounge, therapy space, offices and meeting rooms.

It would be registered as a residential care home, while some of the units would be registered as an independent hospital, to allow

patients to be admitted directly from other units.

Tony Entwistle, for agency Fed 3 Projects, said in the application: "The development can only have a positive impact on local businesses."

"It is hoped that investment in the area in these services will promote further investment."

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## Thefts alert for drivers

MOTORISTS in Walsall are being encouraged to keep cars in a garage where possible to stop them becoming a target for thieves.

There have been a spate of number plate thefts from across the borough with more than 100 in the last three months. There have also been catalytic converters taken from vans. These are stolen because of the high value of the precious metals they contain. Officers are now urging people to park in a secure area.

Pc Mark Ledo, the crime prevention officer for police at Walsall, said: "We would like to encourage drivers to take proper care of their vehicles and contents." Locals who see anyone acting suspiciously should call police on 0345 113 5000.

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## Attack on police car admitted

A WALSALL man threw a stone which broke the window of a police car and struck an officer, a court heard.

Garatham Marsh, of Derby Street, Birchills, admitted criminal damage and assaulting a police officer when he appeared before Walsall magistrates last week.

The court heard that 21-year-old Marsh had been with another man when he threw the stone in the direction of the police car in Littleton Street on August 13.

### Cuts

It caused £200 damage by smashing a car window and hit an officer who suffered cuts to his forearm and a sore head, the court heard. Marsh also pleaded guilty to dropping litter after he was seen to discard a sandwich wrapper.

Mrs Sarb Sehmi, defending, told the court that Marsh had been collecting stones in the area and a stone flew out of his hand when he threw away the sandwich wrapper.

The hearing was adjourned for reports to be drawn up. Marsh was given conditional bail and was due to be sentenced this week.

## Charity seeks bag packers

VOLUNTEERS are being sought to help with bag-packing in a Walsall store today and on Saturday (September 8 and 10) in aid of Acorns Children's Hospice.

The charity is hoping to get a team of volunteers set up in Marks & Spencer Walsall. Anyone interested can call Amanda Cox on 01922 422508.

# Cleared site is now a hotspot for fly-tipping

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THE site of a former community centre has become a fly-tipping hotspot following the demolition of the building. Roapp Hall in Darlaston became a magnet for drug users and vandals when it closed several years ago.

New owners came in to take over the site in Dorset Road, and have completed the last stages of demolition. But while household-

ers were blighted by anti-social behaviour when the building was still standing, now they are suffering the effects of people dumping piles of rubbish on the land.

Darlaston Councillor Paul Bott said temporary fencing round the site had been ripped down and black bags full of waste were being routinely dumped there.

He said: "It's getting really untidy again - some of the security fencing has been broken down, and it's overgrown."

"Residents are concerned that they may have got rid of anti-social behaviour just to create another problem with fly-tipping."

He added: "They feel like they are back to square one. They desperately need some plans as to what is going to be done with the site."

### Properties

"Some people are trying to sell their properties in that vicinity. But anyone coming to see a one might just walk away from it if they see what's there."

The owners plan to build a residential rehabilitation centre for spinal injury patients on the site. It would be the first centre of its kind in the West Midlands.

Plans were approved by Walsall Council planning officers earlier this year, but nothing has been done with the land since the demolition of the old centre in April.

Councillor Bott added: "The poor residents have to put up with it until a permanent fence is erected."



The waste land in Dorset Road hit by fly-tippers

## New gates installed

GATES costing £9,000 have been installed in alleys in Great Barr to combat anti-social behaviour.

The seven lockable gates have been put in Jayslaw Avenue, Gorse Farm Road and Langford Avenue to stop troublemakers getting to the back of houses. Residents

have been calling for extra security for the past 15 years.

Sandwell Councillor Dave Hosell welcomed the new gates, but said other people were now asking for them.

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Bloxwich East's Councillor Bill Tweddle

# Tributes as veteran Tory dies aged 70

FRIENDS and colleagues in Walsall paid tribute this week to "man of the people" Councillor Bill Tweddle, who has died at his home at the age of 70.

Councillor Tweddle was elected to Walsall Council in 2000 and served Bloxwich East. He has suffered poor health for a few years and passed away on Sunday.

Councillor Tom Ansell, who had known Councillor Tweddle for more than 35 years, said: "Bill was a real diamond, a man of the people."

"He was a very caring person who loved his community and would do anything to help anyone."

## Champion

"Coming from a showman's background, he would lend out his children's rides all over the borough, well before he was a councillor. He helped people for many years before becoming elected."

"He was never a politician - he saw his role very much as meeting people in the community and doing his utmost for them."

Councillor Tweddle leaves behind widow Lynn, two sons and three grandchildren.

Councillor Gary Clarke, who was Councillor Tweddle's election

agent, said: "Bill was fantastic - a friend, a colleague and a real champion for his community."

"With Bill, what you saw is what you got, he was very much a man of the people."

"He went out in his ward every single day without fail, talking to people and taking on board their problems and concerns. And if anyone asked him to sort something out he wouldn't let it go until he'd done so."

"He was well respected for his no-nonsense manner and the people of Bloxwich East - as well as the borough as a whole - have lost someone very special."

The Tory leader of the authority, Councillor Mike Bird, said: "This council will not be the same without Bill, who spoke his mind to all, driven by his unfailing passion to help the people of his ward."

## Town hall treat for lovers of musicals

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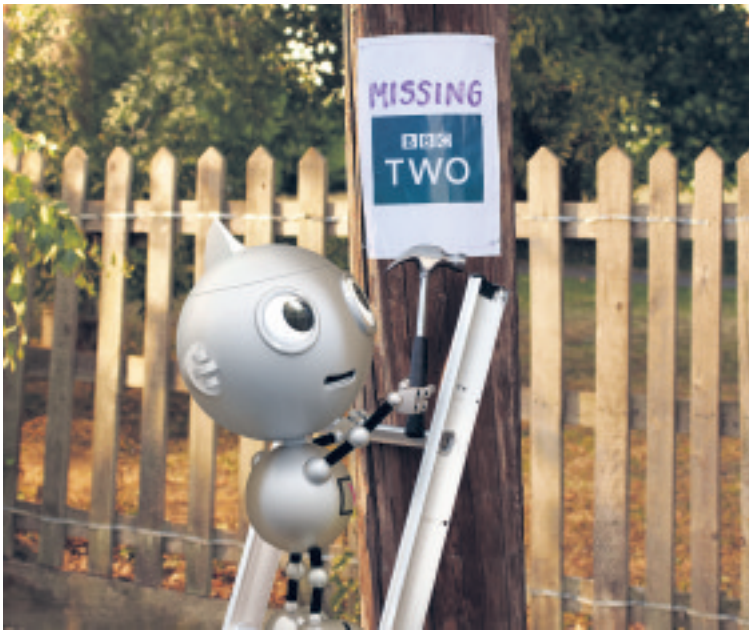
An intimate cabaret evening is taking place in the Mayoral Suite at Walsall Town Hall. The Magic of the Musicals showcase includes performances from Edward Lee, Mavis Robinson and Ian Carr.

The entertainment starts at 7.30pm and proceeds will go towards the Mayor of Walsall's Charity Appeal.

## Tickets

The mayor, Councillor Garry Perry, said: "There will be something for all musical tastes from Gilbert & Sullivan to modern day MGM. We'll include songs from Les Miserables and Miss Saigon, and guests will definitely leave with a spring in their steps."

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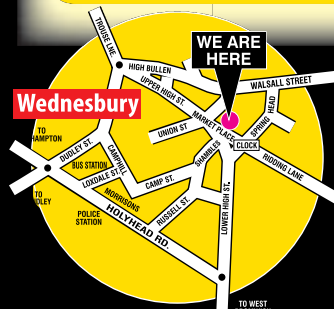
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# Gale of protest over 'huge' wind turbine

RESIDENTS and councillors across Aldridge, Hatherton and Rushall have joined forces to oppose plans for a 'huge' wind turbine next to the Rushall Canal at Riddians Bridge.

The turbine will be mounted on a 131ft (40m) mast will be driven by a ft (57m) diameter rotor. The top of the rotor will be 220ft (67m) above ground level.

St Matthew's ward's Councillor Mohammed Arif, co-ordinator of Hatherton Residents Against Wind Turbine, said: "Residents impacted by the wind turbine application should write individual letters to the planning case officer, because the consultation period is due to expire on September 9."

## Birdlife

"Plans to cover Britain with wind farms are being thwarted by a growing tide of public opposition."

"We will do everything possible to stop this development in our area of natural beauty where Walsall Council and volunteers have spent substantial amount of money restoring

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Members of HRAWT have been collecting signatures on petitions to oppose the plans on the grounds of:

- Severe visual impact on one of Walsall's few attractive rural locations
- Significant noise pollution
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The group plans to hand the petition to Walsall Council after the consultation period has closed. Walsall's Ramblers Association has given its backing to the protest.

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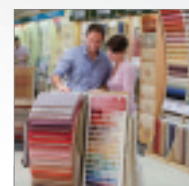
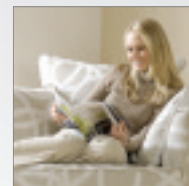
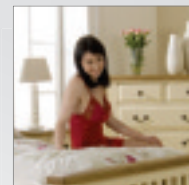
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FAMILIES enjoyed old-fashioned holiday camp fun at an event in Walsall.

Organisers of the summer spectacular recreated a holiday camp feel at the Park Inn Hotel, Bescot Crescent.

Stalls were set up and children's entertainment provided. Lily Allen tribute act Jenny Whittingham, of Wolverhampton, was also at the event.

The event was also to raise awareness of three charities - the Edwards Trust which helps people cope with bereavement; children's charity Chicks; and the Teenage Cancer Trust.



Lily Allen tribute act Jenny Whittingham with vocalist and organiser Stacey Price

## Firm is taking on GP hotline

THE out-of-hours GP service in Walsall was being taken over by a specialist Birmingham-based provider. Waldoc lost the contract to provide the service after more than a decade in the town.

Up to 40 Waldoc staff were expected to transfer to new providers Badger. The firm currently operates in Birmingham, Solihull and South Staffordshire, and was believed to be a frontrunner when it emerged the contract with Walsall NHS was going out to tender.

The service continues to be run from a base at Walsall Manor Hospital.

Patients can also use treatment centres at Cannock or at Good Hope Hospital, Sutton Coldfield, if it is

more convenient. Dr Fay Wilson, Badger's medical director, said: "We are all looking forward to working with NHS Walsall."

"The new service from Badger will mean local people will have more choice of appropriate alternatives for urgent problems, day or night, 365 days a year."

### Established

Badger has grown since it was established in 1996 and now deals with more than 200,000 calls and 1.5 million patients annually.

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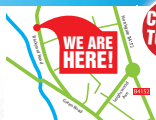
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# Group set to launch community scheme

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LESSONS to keep children safe on the streets, teach them to take care of their neighbours and respect other people's property are on the timetable in Walsall.

Walsall Housing Group has awarded £2,550 from its Local Neighbourhood Fund to Rushall, Shelfield and Pelsall Neighbourhood Watch to expand its Junior Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

Leading Midlands housing provider WHG set up the fund to support worthy community projects within the borough.

Linda Lister, estates service manager, said: "Junior Neighbourhood Watch is an excellent way to encourage youngsters to be responsible members of the community and to stay safe too. At WHG, we aim to strengthen local communities and create great neighbourhoods."

### Workshops

More than 310 pupils attending primary schools will take part in the project during the 2011-12 academic year. They will attend a series of workshops which use art, drama, IT and games to learn:

- How to protect their own property from theft and criminal damage
- How to be safe in the community and look after the elderly, protecting them from bogus callers
- Responsibility and the consequences of committing a crime
- What to do if they witness an incident and who they should tell.

Project co-ordinator Michael Styles, of Walsall Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association, said: "The scheme works to instill a sense of responsibility and respect in young people towards their peers, older generations and property that can be missing in today's society."

### Artist in the frame with class

A WALSALL artist will be giving a watercolour masterclass in his home town this Saturday, September 10. Cameron Galt will lead a session at The New Art Gallery from 11am to 1.30pm, followed by a talk at 3.30pm. Call 01922 654400 to book.

## Youngsters show their skills



Steve Binns of Coachright, with Mitchell Magher, Gary Woodcock, Bradley Lowe, Jack Martin, Aaron Rolfe, and James Martin

Youngsters from Wednesbury and Walsall have played their part in a football competition organised as part of a scheme launched by the Prime Minister.

Almost 70 youngsters took part in the event which was run by teenagers from Sandwell's Yew Tree estate. The youths arranged the tournament for their National Citizenship Service qualification.

Steve Binns, from the firm Coachright, which works in schools and communities to deliver sports programmes, said: "It was a fantastic day and it gave the guys who organised the event to show what they have learned."

The event took place at Pulse Soccer and Fitness on Priar Park Road, Wednesbury and was partly funded by West Midlands Police.

The under-12 and under-14 sections were won by West Bromwich Jnrs, while Priar Park Allstars won the under-16 contest.

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# The shoe must go on at youth theatre



Natalie Webster, 17, and Alex Fisher, 19, are due to appear in *Hobson's Choice* at Aldridge Youth Theatre

## Latest offering is the tale of cobbler and his daughters

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A MUCH-LOVED play about a cobbler and his daughters is being staged at Aldridge Youth Theatre.

Aspiring actors Natalie Webster, aged 17, and Alex Fisher, 19, take the lead roles of Maggie and Henry in *Hobson's Choice*, adapted from a 1914 play by Harold Brighouse.

The title was taken from the popular expression, meaning no choice at all.

### Matinee

The story is set in Salford in 1880, has strains of the fairy tale *Cinderella*, and charts the lives of a father and his level-headed daughter.

It has been adapted for the screen many times and also as a Broadway musical. The show will run from September 22 to 24 at 7.30pm at the theatre in Noddy Park Road, Aldridge. There will be an additional matinee at 2.30pm on the Saturday.

Tickets cost £6 to £7 and are available on 01922 458615.

Aldridge Youth Theatre is celebrating 50 years since it was set up in an old school in neighbouring Rushall.

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Morning mist, Pelsall North Common, by Philip Gormley



Derek Taylor snapped St Michael &amp; All Angels Church, Pelsall, undergoing renovation



Storm clouds gather over an Aldridge field, by Andrew Blakemore

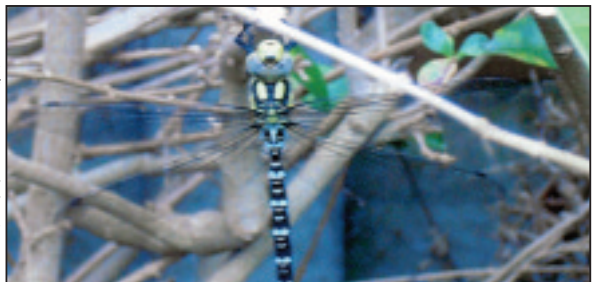
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Ray Brindle's close-up of a damselfly

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# Crematorium to get extra parking spaces



Charlotte Askew as Peter Pan and Ian Askew as Captain Hook with the cast of Pelsall Musical Society

## Peter Pan forever young

A WALSALL theatre group will bring a popular fairytale to life at a community showcase on Saturday. Pelsall Musical Society performs Peter Pan as part of Pelsall Creative Showcase, which runs from 10am to 2pm at the Methodist church in Chapel Street, celebrating the creativity

and talents of villagers and will also include knitting, art, dance and cooking. The society will perform sketches from their adaptation of the JM Barrie classic. Showcase organiser Vickie Heydon-Matterface said: "We want people to join us for what promises to be a fun event."

MOVES to create extra visitor parking spaces at Streetly Crematorium as part of £1 million improvements will start before the end of the year.

A 21-space permanent car park has been earmarked after complaints that motorists ignore the double yellow lines and leave their vehicles on grass verges at the site.

The installation of three new cremators as part of the overall programme is due to be fully completed by the end of October. Once finished, work on the new car parking area will then begin.

The extra parking spaces off Little Hardwick Road, Streetly, will add to the 42 spaces and six bays on the site.

There is an average of 11 cremations a day and the cemetery is currently struggling to deal with demand, council officials said.

The temporary contractor's compound which has been set up during work at the cemetery will become the overflow area.

### Progressing

Councillor Anthony Harris, cabinet member for bereavement services, said: "Work is progressing well on installation of new cremators."

"Planning permission has also been granted to convert the contractor's temporary work base into additional car parking for 20 cars and this work will take place once the installation of the cremators has been completed."

## Groups can display grit this winter

COMMUNITY groups could get involved in using grit to clear away snow from treacherous parts of Walsall.

Council chiefs are looking at a number of options including shopkeepers helping to treat shopping centres.

Initial talks have been held with some traders about the plans, with possible trials in areas such as New Invention and Pelsall.

Highways bosses are considering several options, including shopkeepers helping to treat ice and snow in the borough's shopping centres.

## Man accused of touching girl

A WALSALL man has appeared in court after being charged with sexually touching a girl under 13.

Alan Millward, of Highgate Road, is alleged to have committed the offence last month. The 55-year-old was at Walsall Magistrates via video link. It was adjourned to September 30 and Millward was held in custody.

## Barby for teens

A BARBECUE for teenagers will be held in Walsall Wood tomorrow evening, September 9. It takes place at Oak Park, off Lichfield Road, from 6-8pm, organised by Aldridge and Beacon Area Partnership team for 14 to 19-year-olds.

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# Fairytale proposal made by keeper at zoo



Adam Walker after proposing to Caroline Parsons at Dudley Zoo and Castle

A Dudley Zoo keeper went for the big gesture when proposing to his girlfriend – using a huge banner hung on the castle.

Adam Walker, aged 28, swore colleagues to secrecy when he planned his proposal to Caroline Parsons.

Mr Walker, who works with big cats at the zoo, made a 30ft banner bearing the words "Will you marry me?" and asked chief executive Peter Suddock and assistant curator Richard Brown to help him wrap it around the walls.

## Surprised

He then took his future wife, a former zoo education presenter, into the castle courtyard to show her his handiwork – and was delighted when she said yes.

He said: "I'd been planning it for quite a while."

Miss Parsons, 28, a science teacher at St Thomas More School, Willenhall, said: "I was just so surprised. It was amazing."

The couple, who live in Russells Hall Road, Dudley, have set the date for their big day next August.

# Students will fly high at new £77m college

STUDENTS at the new £77 million Sandwell College will be flying high when they take lessons on board the body of a real aeroplane at the West Bromwich site.

Travel and tourism students will see their classroom on the fourth floor of the building transformed for lessons inside the body of a former Boeing 737. The fuselage is being installed, and students will use the drop-down tables as desks for their laptops. The structure also has escape-route floor-lighting strips, overhead lockers and seats.

Outside the fuselage, there will be a waiting area, check-in desk, galley area and trolley storage, so students have a realistic experience as air cabin crew.

Graphics on the waiting area walls will show a typical runway scene and aircraft parking bay, resembling a real airport. The materials have been taken from a decommissioned aircraft.

Sandwell College capital project direc-

tor Sue Johnson said it was intended to make the experience as authentic as possible for students preparing for a career in the travel industry.

She said: "The parts would normally be refurbished and sold on to other airlines but in this instance they will be fully refurbished and installed at the college."

"The fuselage body will come with all of the equipment that a normal plane would have."

## Big Dipper

Along with travel and tourism, the fourth floor will be home to the sport and leisure and public services departments, science labs, and a Microsoft Academy area.

Work on the building in Spon Lane is nearing completion. Sandwell folk have dubbed it the 'Big Dipper' due to the building's curved shape.

Construction teams have been working on the interior and getting classrooms ready for staff.



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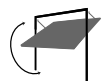
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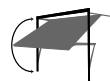
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## 2011 - 2012 PROSPECTUS

**Frank F Harrison Community Association**  
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**Saturday 17th September 10am to 2pm**

**At Beechdale Lifelong Learning Centre  
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01922 746967**

Tutors will be available 10am to 12pm for any in depth course information  
Enquiries outside of this time can be made at any time at our other centres.

### Courses & Activities for Adults Beechdale Lifelong Learning Centre

\* Courses leading to a qualification

#### Monday

Luncheon Club for the Elderly .....10.00-1.30pm  
Including, crafts activities, gentle exercise, and guest speakers.

Cost £2.50 per week (transport and meal cost extra)  
Trips organized throughout the year.

Indoor Bowls .....10.00 - 12.00pm  
Trips organized throughout the year.

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#### Tuesday

Discover your Family History .....1.00-3.00pm  
10 week term (20 hours)

Play Guitar .....7.00-9.00pm  
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#### Wednesday

IT for the Over 50's .....10.00-12.00pm  
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\*Adult Literacy .....1.00-3.00pm  
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\*Adult Numeracy .....1.00-3.00pm  
Indoor Bowls .....10.00-12.00pm

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Wednesday .....9.00am-12.30pm

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#### Courses for Adults

#### Plastering

\*CAA Level 1 Diploma in Plastering Wednesday  
9.00am-4.30pm

\*CAA Level 1 Diploma in Plastering Wednesday &  
Thursday .....6.00pm-9.30pm

### Brickwork

\*CAA Level 1 Diploma in Brickwork

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**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies, ZOO CBBC, 8.30 CBeebies, 11.5 The Pink Panther Show, (R) 12.00 Daily Politics, 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah, 1.00 Diagnostic Murder, (R) 1.15 To Buy or Not to Buy, (R) 2.15 Animal 24/7, (R) 2.30 World's Funniest Home Videos, (R) 3.00 The World's Worst, (R) 3.15 Real Rescue, (R) 3.30 Roy 18, 5.15 Antiques Road Trip, 6.00 Eggheads, 6.30 Peel History of Britain, 7.00 Live at the BBC, The Marmalade Men Christmas, 8.00 Cruising for Britain's Next Top Model, 8.15 The Secret of the Secret, (World of) Witzkull, 9.05 Flint the Firebreather, 9.15 The Secret, (1982 Drama, starring Anthony Hopkins, 1995 BBC News

**TV-14** 6:00 Dateline 7:30 Live From Japan's World Cup News Zealand & Japan (dick-cut) 8:00am 1:00 The Monthly 2:30 Loose Women 3:00 ITV News Weather 1:55 Regional News Weather 2:00 Dickkopf Red Deal 3:00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show 3:50 Regional Weather 9:00 Mikromark Murder (P) 5:00 The Cripps 6:00 Regional News Weather 6:30 ITV News 7:00 ZDF Emmafile 7:30 Coronation Street 8:00 Love Your Garden 8:30 Coronation Street 8:50 DCI 9:00 Regional News Weather 9:35 The National 9:50pm Monday Q1 (R) 10:15 Fuxy 10:30 Cup Highlights 12:30 The Zone! ITV News Headline 2:30 Flint Outcast (1981) 4:15 Live

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**Chinamen**, WKBT Sat., 11.9 The Wright Stuff Extra with Gobby Logan, 12.05 Newscastline, 12.15 Eye Radio (R) 115 Home and Away, 12.15 News at 11, 12.15 Crime Watch, 12.25 The Good Doctor, 12.30 The Big Brother, 12.35 Flint Ray and Bone (1987), 5.00 News at 5, Weather, 5.30 Melbourne, 5.40 Home and Away, 6.15 The CKI, 7.20 The Show at 7, 7.30 Power Stars, 7.50 The Unlikely Heroes, 8.00 The 11 O'Clock Show, 8.10 Brother: The Evidence, 8.30 The Bachelor, 11.00 Eye Brother: Evidon Reacts, 11.30 Eye Brother: Hit on the Side, 12.15 One-Day International Cricket, 1.0 SuperCassino, 4.05 Motorcars, 4.15 The World's Worst, 4.35 Pouch Guide, 4.45 Brother, 5.00 The SOS, 5.10 House Doctor, 5.45

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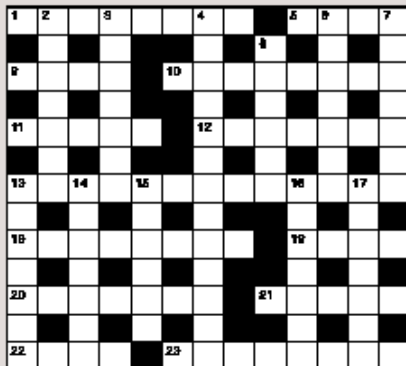
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Fill in the grid below with the correct numbers, one per row and one of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

## Crossword



- Across**
- 1 An occasion when one set of blades will compete with another (4-4)
  - 5 In the present day, he's making a comeback in the centre of things (4)
  - 8 The platform is a little too big for this sort of party (4)
  - 10 But they don't produce anything as a result of having been bored! (3-3)
  - 11 Avoid a spot, it's different in Virginia (5)
  - 12 Exclusive circle having a lobby by the lake (7)
  - 13 The result of transplant surgery! (5,2,5)
  - 14 To rely on Dina's confidence (5)
  - 18 Repeating over the list of names (4)
  - 20 Not about those who offer a hand to resist or will do (7)
  - 21 He uses a bit of stealth - i.e. felony (5)
  - 22 They're left in the vessel and shelter near the south (4)

- Down**
- 2 In time of danger, he has been known to hide his capital (7)
  - 3 Get rid of any darkness (7)
  - 4 What is lost in the operations room! (13)
  - 6 A complaint in bad odour? (7)
  - 7 One of the courses to leave, we hear (7)
  - 8 The kind of board associated with electrical manufacturers (5)
  - 13 VMI's appendix (7)
  - 14 Present schoolchildren can't be accused of this (7)
  - 15 The plot may produce dreadful danger (5)
  - 16 Describing pieces of pottery which are remodelled at that time (7)
  - 17 Take the place of the guard and raise the siege (7)

**Last Week's Solutions:** Cryptic Across 1 Rival 11 8 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100

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Using the central letter and at least three others, how many words can you find? Nouns, proper nouns and hyphenated words are not allowed, and there is at least one 9-letter word.

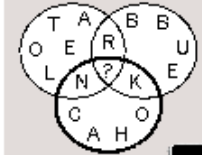
10 words = OK  
15 words = Good  
20 words = Great  
25+ words = Excellent



**Last Week's Solutions:** 1. NOD, 2. NO, 3. D, 4. R, 5. H, 6. E, 7. Y, 8. G, 9. U, 10. NOD, 11. NO, 12. D, 13. R, 14. H, 15. E, 16. Y, 17. G, 18. U, 19. NOD, 20. NO, 21. D, 22. R, 23. H, 24. E, 25. Y, 26. G, 27. U, 28. NOD, 29. NO, 30. D, 31. R, 32. H, 33. E, 34. Y, 35. G, 36. U, 37. NOD, 38. NO, 39. D, 40. R, 41. H, 42. E, 43. Y, 44. G, 45. U, 46. NOD, 47. NO, 48. D, 49. R, 50. H, 51. E, 52. Y, 53. G, 54. U, 55. NOD, 56. NO, 57. D, 58. R, 59. H, 60. E, 61. Y, 62. G, 63. U, 64. NOD, 65. NO, 66. D, 67. R, 68. H, 69. E, 70. Y, 71. G, 72. U, 73. NOD, 74. NO, 75. D, 76. R, 77. H, 78. E, 79. Y, 80. G, 81. U, 82. NOD, 83. NO, 84. D, 85. R, 86. H, 87. E, 88. Y, 89. G, 90. U, 91. NOD, 92. NO, 93. D, 94. R, 95. H, 96. E, 97. Y, 98. G, 99. U, 100. NOD

## Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



**Last Week's Solutions:** The letter represented by the question mark is L. The three words are: T, A, B, B, O, E, R, L, N, K, C, A, H, L.

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## Extensive garden is key element of semi's attraction

**H**OUSEHUNTERS seeking a home with a large garden in a Willenhall cul-de-sac can look no further than this three-bedroom semi-detached house in Hodson Avenue.

On the market for offers around £105,000 through Fraser Wood estate agents, the house off Birmingham Street is close to schools and local amenities and has gas fired central heating, uPVC double glazing, two reception rooms and detached garage.

A wooden entrance door opens into a reception hallway with wood lami-

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nate flooring and doors leading off to two reception rooms.

The 10ft 5in x 12ft 5in front-facing lounge has a uPVC double-glazed walk-in bay window, laminate flooring and a gas fire set in a surround.

### Panelled

In the rear-facing breakfast room, there are doors leading to the rear garden, kitchen and an understairs storage area.

In the 5ft 11in x 11ft 1in kitchen of the property, there's an inset sink, base and wall units and a gas cooker point.

Upstairs, there are three bedrooms. The main bedroom measures 10ft 10in x 10ft 7in.

A tiled bathroom has a suite that comprises a WC, pedestal wash basin and panelled bath.

On the exterior, the house is set back from the road behind a wall and concrete driveway providing off-road parking.

There's a detached garage that measures 7ft 11in x 16ft 6in with double opening doors.

To the rear, there's a large lawned garden with a patio area.

For more information or to arrange a viewing of the property, contact the Willenhall branch of selling agents Fraser Wood by telephoning 01902 367367.



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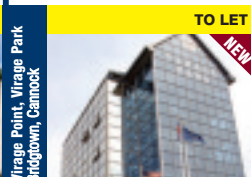
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**T**HE location of a new home is an extremely important consideration. Naturally, buyers will have decided in which district they wish to reside.

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For buyers, it's essential to be clear about which they prefer, because the wrong location can turn that dream

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home into a nightmare. Some people are gregarious and find the estate development an ideal place to live – there are immediate neighbours who are as new to the area as you.

### Carefully

There is the constant bustle of life in a mixed and almost integrated community, along with a common bond of newness. However, to some people, the above advantages are distinct disadvantages.

Many people, while appreciating the proximity of others in the neighbourhood, also appreciate a certain

degree of privacy. Moving into an established community allows this slow assimilation and provides the freedom to integrate or not as you wish.

For both the above communities there will be an established infrastructure with public transport, shops and shopping centres, schools, medical and other facilities, all within a reasonable distance.

Each location has its advantages and disadvantages. Each will appeal to specific types of people.

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**190 BUSHBURY LANE, WOLVERHAMPTON**  
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Guide: £63,000/£68,000

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**244 BROMLEY LANE, KINGSWINFORM**  
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**46 DILLOWAYS LANE, WILLENHALL**  
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**18 WINDSOR ROAD, PARKFIELDS, WOLVERHAMPTON**  
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The dining kitchen has a full range of crafted, panelled wall and base mounted pine units with granite tiled working surfaces and tiled splash backs, inset double bowl sink unit,



Langley Hall, Lower Penn, Wolverhampton, has been reduced in price by £75,000 to £625,000

integrated larder fridge, range cooker set within an exposed brick recess with beam above, part-beamed and rafted ceiling and large, shelved pantry cupboard and breakfast area with French doors.

The conservatory makes for a wonderful summer room and informal reception area, with French doors to the terrace.

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The property has some spectacular views over fields and nearby farmland



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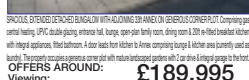
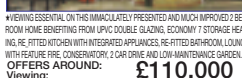
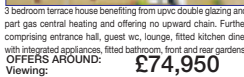


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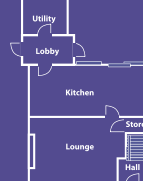




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- Bathroom●Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- DHSS Accepted

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- Lounge●Kitchen
- Off Road Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- DHSS Accepted

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- Double Glazing●Electric heating
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# MOTERING NEWS AND REVIEWS CHRONICLE MOTERING

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## Insignia VXR has badge of quality – everywhere

By Neil Ward

VAUXHALL has a history of producing sporting cars and have competed in many forms of motor sport over the years, which has delivered some storming cars.

The icon from my day was the original Astra GTE, one of the first hot hatches of the 80s. However, time waits for no-one and the requirements in our modern times are somewhat more sophisticated.

We want high performance handling, which has to be comfortable for everyone, not an ironing board ride, engines that deliver huge amounts of horsepower but sip fuel like a moped, practical luggage space for a whole family and to cap it all we want it to be reasonably priced!

In order to answer these requirements Vauxhall has the VXR range which is the sporting arm of the factory. The one I have on test is the Insignia VXR 2.8 V6 in what I call fire engine red but is fittingly called 'Power Red' in the catalogue.

The shape of the Insignia will be familiar but the VXR has some different features. The first item to grab you is the wheels, which are 20-inch jobs with wide rubber band style low profile tyres.

Even if you're not interested in cars, they immediately signal that this is different from the rest of the range.

The front bumper also sports some mesh grills which are not just there for show but help cool down the big brake discs and the Brembo brake calipers that are visible through the wheels.

To finish off the ensemble there is a pair of tasteful sports exhausts sticking out of the rear bumper. Then, if

you are under any illusion as to what this car is there are VXR badges everywhere.

The VXR theme continues inside with instrument panels, gear lever, pedals and a three spoke steering wheel that is flat at the bottom all being suitably badged. Oh, and as you get in there are VXR alloy sill covers again reminding you that you are entering a different beast from the normal family car.

The front seats are Recaro and are beautifully supportive in all the right places, achieving the comfort and firmness that enable you to tackle almost any form of driving.

Other manufacturers should take note of this. Too many times I have driven high performance versions of family cars to find that the seat is designed for a race-track where even a wallet in the back pocket can mean you don't fit in the seat.

The Insignia VXR is fitted with Vauxhall's latest version of its 2.8litre 24v Turbo V6 which produces a pleasing 325 brake horsepower and is fitted to an excellent auto box which helps distribute the power to the four-wheel drive system.

The sound it makes when you bury the throttle pedal and the way it eats up the road would scare many so-called sports cars.

With 0-60 coming up in 5.9 seconds this is a serious performance car and the excellent four-wheel drive

never seems to interfere but does allow the tyres to provide massive amounts of grip in pretty much any situation, providing confidence in being able to use the power when you want and not just in the straight line on a dual carriageway or motorway.

Now I have left the best bit until last – the handling. The previous Vectra VXR was a fearsome beast with huge amounts of understeer. If you drove one of those cars, banish its memory from your mind.

The Insignia VXR has been tested extensively on the fearsome Nürburgring race track to ensure that its road manners are impeccable and I have to say the time the engineers spent there has been worth every penny.

For a car of this size to handle the way it does with a surefooted nimbleness is amazing and will have you looking for the sign that indicates the road has loose bends.

Sadly, this also means that you are going home from just about anywhere and excusing "the car broke down" (unlikely), "the road was too bumpy" (possible) and my all-time favourite "I need to get to work" are all going to wear thin.

So if you are looking for something that is comfortable, practical, family and their luggage and its performance and handling bonus of bringing a big smile to your face when you drive it then buy one.

On the other hand if being in a house constantly and having to make excuses to your better half

why you are late again is a worry you might want to avoid this car.

But if I can influence your decision in any way, and provide you with another excuse, it is this: Blame me, (for clarity that's Neil spelt N-e-i-l). I would recommend the doghouse every time. Trust me, it's worth it!



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# Kia shows Rio hatchback on the ecological catwalk

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Kia's Rio will have its UK public debut at Ecovelocity, the low carbon motor festival

KIA will be showing a selection of its environmentally conscious EcoDynamics models at this week's EcoV-elocity Low Carbon Motor Festival in London.

The new Rio hatchback will make its UK public debut at the exhibition. Visitors to the show, held from September 8-11 in the grounds of Battersea Power Station, will have the opportunity to inspect the all-new Rio and the new Picanto city-car at close quarters, as well as low-emission versions of the cee'd family hatchback and Sportage crossover on a purpose built test route.

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The new Rio is set to be the cleanest non-electric vehicle in the world - emitting just 85g/km CO2 and offering 88.3mpg in 1.1 CRDi '11' guise - when it goes on sale on 1st September. The extremely efficient three-cylinder diesel engine is aided in its quest to deliver ultra low CO2 emissions by longer gearing, a stop-start system, low-rolling resistance tyres and aerodynamic tweaks to reduce drag.

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For more information about Kia's EcoDynamics range of vehicles go to [www.kia.co.uk](http://www.kia.co.uk) and for further details about the Ecovelocity show, or to buy entry tickets, go to [www.ecovelocity.co.uk](http://www.ecovelocity.co.uk).

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The Audi S8 is a large and luxurious top of the range saloon



The Audi S6 has average fuel consumption of 29.1mpg

# Audi's fresh power quartet

THE 2011 Frankfurt Motor Show will play host to four high-performance Audi S models sharing one new eight-cylinder engine. The new powerplant enables them to counterbalance outputs of up to 520PS with the potential for up to 29mpg.

The new bi-turbo V8, incorporating cylinder-on-demand technology and a host of other advances, replaces the naturally aspirated V10 FSI engine in the all-new S6, S6 Avant and S8 models, and in the process improves economy by as much as 25 per cent. It is also at the heart of a completely new addition to the S quattro Series – the new S7 Sportback.

In the S6 and S6 Avant the new 4.0-litre, twin-turbo V8 delivers ample power with fuel economy in keeping with the times. It appears here in 420PS form, and provides a constant 550Nm of torque from 1,400 to 5,300rpm, enough to catapult the S6 from 0 to 62mph in 4.8 seconds and the S6 Avant in 4.9 seconds, and to spur them on to an electronically governed top speed of 155mph.

## Performance

The 4.0 TFSI brings Audi's downsizing strategy to the high-performance class. Compared to the 5.2-litre V10, it offers even stronger performance while reducing fuel consumption by as much as 25 per cent. Average fuel consumption is 29.1mpg in the S6 and 28.8mpg in the S6 Avant, well above that of the competition.

The two new S models are fitted as standard with adaptive air suspension in its firmer "sport" configuration. The tautly tuned air suspension with variable damping lowers the body by 10mm, and provides for highly precise handling without compromising comfort. Four 19-inch cast aluminium wheels in a unique five parallel spoke design frame the black calipers of the powerful front and rear internally ventilated disc brakes, which can be replaced by carbon fibre-ceramic discs as an option.

The Audi S7 Sportback uses the same engine as the S6 and S6 Avant – the new 4.0 TFSI with 420PS and 550Nm of torque. The twin-turbo V8 accelerates the five-door coupe from 0 to 62mph in 4.9 seconds, and top speed is limited to 155mph. The cultivated eight-cylinder, which uses Audi's "cylinder on demand" technology under part load, achieves an impressive combined economy figure of 29.1mpg.

The S7 Sportback is fitted as standard with adaptive air suspension sport and the Audi drive select dynamics system. Mounted behind the 19-inch wheels are large, internally ventilated disc brakes front and rear. Their black calipers are stamped with S7 logos at the front. Carbon fibre-ceramic discs are available as an option. Other chassis options include 20-inch wheels and dynamic steering, which varies its ratio as a function of speed.

## Sublime

The Audi S8 is the new head of the Audi S model family – a large and luxurious saloon that can deliver sublime comfort or supreme excitement as required. The new 4.0-litre TFSI in the S8 generates no less than 520PS and delivers a constant 650Nm of torque to the crankshaft between 1,700 and 5,500rpm. The result is outstanding performance: the sprint from zero to 62mph takes just 4.2 seconds, and top speed is electronically capped at 155mph.

This makes the fuel consumption of the sonorous and smooth twin-turbo V8 all the more amazing: it averages 27.7mpg on the combined cycle, a considerable gain over its competitors, and its predecessor – the 5.2-litre V10 in the previous S8 posted 21.4mpg in the equivalent test. This has been achieved despite a 70PS increase in output.

The new Audi S8 strikes its impressive balance between performance and efficiency with the combined technologies of the Audi modular efficiency platform, including the recuperation and start-stop systems. The newly developed "cylinder on demand" technology also plays a very significant role.

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The eight-speed tiptronic in the S8 unites sportiness and efficiency. It uses tall gears at low revs when possible, but downshifts quickly and comfortably when requested. The tiptronic delivers the power to a quattro drivetrain combining a self-locking centre differential with the sport differential on the rear axle.

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Walsall's Kevan Hurst rises above the Brentford defence



Saddlers' man of the match, defender Mat Sadler, clears



Jon Macken was off the pace and had to be replaced



Walsall's Kevan Hurst battles for an aerial ball with Brentford's Karleigh Osborne



Midfielder Adam Chambers drives at the heart of the Brentford defence, watched by Ryan Jarvis

## Bonus icing on cake as Walsall are off to a flier

**BEDWORTH 29 WALSALL 44**

ASTRONG second half performance saw Walsall gain a bonus point victory to get their Midlands 1 West season off to a great start, writes Arnie Evans.

The visitors had the worst possible start at newly-promoted Bedworth, when outside half Matt Wood was forced to leave the field after just three minutes.

The re-organisation saw John Pette come on to play his first game for the club.

Even though they were playing against a strong breeze, Walsall enjoyed territorial superiority and should have taken advantage of several try scoring opportunities during the first 40 minutes.

But five penalties gave Bedworth team a 15-13 interval lead.

Walsall, however, displayed the greater attacking potential and, in scrum half Liam Lloyd, found a replacement kicker. He put over two first half penalties and converted a try by new prop Russ Gauden, who drove over after Mould, Wootton and Halbert had made good ground.

### Rewarded

The visitors virtually sealed their win with two tries in ten minutes of the second half.

Full back Mould scored the first after Tierney and Wotton had combined well before some neat passing from Pette and Fitzgerald created the space for Mould.

Lloyd converted from wide out and produced a similar kick when he converted Steve Halbert's try six minutes later. A good run by another debutant, Rafa Ingelmo, set up another Fitzgerald surge. When he was spectacularly stopped, the Walsall skipper gathered the ball and dived over.

There were six minutes left before the visitors scored their bonus point try. Fly half Pette gathered a loose ball and ran more than 50 metres to score.

Two minutes later No.8 Rod Dickson made a run and found Ingelmo in support. The young Spaniard made ground before delivering a pass to Andy Turner. The powerful winger, playing his first game for 18 months, finished in style.

Players and coaches at Walsall will be delighted with the early season performance of the senior teams, as all three teams registered victories.

Walsall United had a comfortable 21-0 win at Newcastle. Will Emes continued to display his try scoring prowess, with two. Matt Foster got another and Ed Mott converted all three.

Walsall 3rd XV hung on to win 12-10 against GE St Leonards 2nds. Laurence Quigley and Gregg Whitbrooke got their tries.

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# SMITH SORE AS POINTS GO BEGGING

**WALSALL 0 BRENTFORD 1**

**B**OSS Dean Smith says Walsall fell well short of his standards on Saturday and tossed a win "down the drain".

The Saddlers went down 1-0 to Brentford at the Banks's Stadium to put the brakes on early-season optimism, and the manager warned his men he expects better after their first home defeat of the new League One season.

"It's three points down the drain for me. It's a chance missed because we're more than capable of beating Brentford and we should have done."

"We didn't turn up first-half and were quite rightly a goal down. With the second-half

show we should have got something out of it."

Smith added: "They all know what my expectations of them are. We'll brush ourselves down and get ready for the next game."

"We didn't have a spark. We should have had a point at least and we're disappointed to come away with nothing."

Smith admitted his gamble in starting Jon Macken backfired.

Macken, who turned 34 this week, had missed the previous two games with an ankle injury, and aggravated the problem.

He said: "I took a bit of a gamble with Jon Macken. He clearly needed a few days more."

The home record over the past three years

has been patchy. Of the last 72 home league games, Walsall have won just 30.

The problem looked to have been solved until Saturday. But the woeful first half was a worrying throwback to a time almost forgotten. They were subdued and sloppy, far from the slick outfit who won at Bournemouth.

Walsall's start to the season has gone from good to promising and now stands at average.

The improvements are there - Richard Taundry, Darryl Westlake and Oliver Lancashire are living proof - but there is already cause for regret this term.

### Regret

The temptation to bypass midfield, especially in the first 45 minutes, proved too great as the defence launched passes to the often isolated Jon Macken and Ryan Jarvis.

True pace was conspicuous in its absence. Alex Nicholls provides the raw speed, but it is overshadowed by the lack of final product.

Clayton Donaldson's first-half header, after he outmuscled Manny Smith, deservedly gave Brentford the points.

Kevan Hurst was thwarted by Richard Lee's fine stop, but the closest the Saddlers came was when Ryan Jarvis' 30-yard rocket hit a post midway through the second half.

Nicholls almost rescued a point at the death when his rising drive was beaten away by Lee. Walsall: Grof, Sadler, Westlake, Butler, Smith, Nicholls, Chambers, Taundry, Hurst, Macken (Gnapka, 52), Jarvis.

Brentford: Lee, Thompson, Eger, Osborne, Woodman, Bean, O'Connor, Douglas, Wood (Forrester, 68), Donaldson (Alexander, 88), Weston (Spillane, 76).

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Walsall keeper David Grof is unable to keep out Clayton Donaldson's winning header



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Saturday 1st October, 11am - 3pm

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